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For: Selectable Audio and Mixed
Background Sound for Voice
Messaging System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment accompanying an application filed under 37 C. F. R.
§1.53(b) as a continuation of the Application having serial number 09/782,773. The parent case
was filed on February 13, 2001, and is assigned to the Group Art Unit and Patent Examiner
indicated above. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.